

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRUNDY CENTER COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-24
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued October 8, 1999)

On July 12, 1999, the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center Communications Utility (Grundy Center) filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity with the Utilities Board (Board), pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Grundy Center intends to provide local exchange service in the exchange area currently served by GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(13) (1999) provides that “approval by the voters of a city pursuant to section 388.2 of a proposal to establish or acquire a public utility providing communications services is conclusive evidence of the fact that the city has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide such service.” A special election was held on May 14, 1999, and Grundy Center has been authorized by vote of the people to establish a communications utility. This constitutes conclusive evidence of Grundy Center’s technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service described.

Grundy Center adopted by reference the Grundy Center boundary map issued October 14, 1992, by GTE. The Board has carefully reviewed Grundy Center’s

application and finds it is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Grundy Center. In addition, Grundy Center filed a statement that it will offer intraLATA dialing parity when it provides service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by the Board of Trustees of the Grundy Center Communications Utility on

July 12, 1999 is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time Grundy Center files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Grundy Center, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Grundy Center to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8th day of October, 1999.